

Recent interagency documents, such as The Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003, Cohesive Fuels Strategy and the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan, emphasize the importance of accurately and consistently describing Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC), assessing changes in fire regimes, and their collective use in land management decision-making. The FRCC concept is a fundamental theme in land and fire management planning, performance measures, and accomplishment reporting for fuel treatment projects.

To date, four national training sessions have been held to teach FRCC methods for use in multi-scale assessments, accomplishment reporting, and treatment prioritization for the western United States and Alaska. This technology transfer will continue at a "Train the Trainers" session, November 2-4, 2004, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The priority target audience will be resource and fire specialists from the eastern region. Additional sessions are being planned for the western region and Alaska earlier in the fall. This session will enable specialists to become proficient in training others in the use of FRCC assessment tools. This session is not intended or designed for field crews. Following their attendance, these trainers will serve as geographic area advisors leading FRCC training. Topics presented will include the use and instruction of FRCC Standard Landscape Method, Scorecard methods, related software tools, and strategies for selection of methods that achieve monitoring and accuracy objectives.

There are approximately 100 slots available. Each state is allowed up to five nominations. All questions and forms should be directed to Kathy Schon, FRCC Training Coordinator, <a href="mailto:kathy\_schon@nps.gov">kathy\_schon@nps.gov</a> (see nomination form for more information). She can be reached at (208) 387-5884. The deadline for nominations is September 24. Conference facility details are being finalized, and will be shared with selected participants by October 1. Below are agency contacts that can provide additional information on the training:

- USDA Forest Service Wendel Hann (<u>whann@fs.fed.us</u>), National Landscape Fire Ecologist (505) 388-8243.
- National Park Service Kathy Schon (<u>kathy\_schon@nps.gov</u>), Fire Ecologist (208) 387-5884.
- Bureau of Land Management Doug Havlina (doug\_havlina@blm.gov), Fire Ecologist (208) 387-5061.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service Bill Leenhouts (bill\_leenhouts@fws.gov), Fire Ecologist (208) 387-5584.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Bev Schwab (<u>bev\_schwab@nifc.gov</u>), Fire Effects Specialist (208) 387-5042.
- The Nature Conservancy Ayn Shlisky (<u>ashlisky@tnc.org</u>), Landscape Fire Ecologist (720) 974-7063.

## **Call for Nominations**

## Fire Regime Condition Class Train the Trainers Workshop Shepherdstown, West Virginia November 2-4, 2004

Complete this nomination form in Adobe or by hand and send to Kathy Schon by COB **September 24, 2004** at:

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Fax: **Postal Mail:** Attn: Kathy Schon **FRCC Nominations** Attn: Kathy Schon - National Park Service 208-387-5250 Email: National Interagency Fire Center 3833 S Development Ave kathy\_schon@nps.gov Subject: FRCC Nominations Boise, Idaho 83705-5354 **Nominee Information** The priority target audience will be fire and resource specialists from Eastern regions. Additional sessions are being planned for the western Regions and Alaska earlier in the fall, although all are welcome to attend. This session will enable fire and resource specialists to become proficient in training others on how to use the tools for FRCC assessment. Preference will be given to nominees with regional, state, or other high-level support. Title, Agency Address Email Why is it important that you attend the FRCC train-the-trainers workshop? **Nominator Information** Use this section and answer only question 2 (below) if you are nominating someone other than yourself. Title, Agency Address Email

Please Contact Kathy Schon at 208-387-5884 or kathy schon@nps.gov if you have any questions. You will be notified if your nomination is accepted by October 1, 2004.

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